

# From the Upper Chamber



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## Report for Thursday, January 12, 2006

The fourth day of the 2006 legislative session was called to order by Lieutenant Governor **Mark Taylor**.

Senator **Don Balfour** of the 9<sup>th</sup> stated that journal had been read and was found to be correct.

Senate Bills 380 and 406-424 were read for the first time assigned to committee.

Following the second reading of Senate Bills and Resolutions, the morning roll call was taken.

Lt. Gov. **Taylor** then recognized Sen. **Mitch Seabaugh** of the 28<sup>th</sup> to lead the Senate in the Pledge of Allegiance and introduce the *Chaplain of the Day*, Dr. **Eugene Tyre** of Providence Baptist Church in Griffin, who led the Senate in the daily devotional.

Sen. **Jeff Mullis** of the 53<sup>rd</sup> took the well on a Point of Personal Privilege to speak about a military plane crash last night in Walker County, which is in the 53<sup>rd</sup> Senate District. The Senate paused for a moment of silence to honor of the lives of the victims of the crash.

SR 676 was read and adopted. Sen. **Tim Golden** of the 8<sup>th</sup> took the rostrum to recognize, and to commend members of the class of Leadership Cook 2005, who were present in the Senate Chamber.

SR 677-681 were also read and adopted.

Sen. **Preston Smith** of the 52<sup>nd</sup> moved to withdraw SB 383 from the Insurance and Labor Committee and to recommit the bill to the Judiciary Committee. There was no objection to the motion.

Sen. **Chip Rogers** of the 21<sup>st</sup> moved that SB 171 be withdrawn from consideration. There was no objection to this motion.

The Secretary read SB 386, which is related to the reapportionment of certain Senate Districts.

Sen. **Ralph Hudgens** of the 47<sup>th</sup> took the well to speak to SB 386, and to present new maps drawn for Senate Districts 46, 47 and 49. Sen. **Hudgens** stated that the newly drawn maps adhere to all constitutional requirements. He yielded to questions from Senators **Robert Brown** of the 26<sup>th</sup> and **Michael Meyer Von Bremen** of the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Sen. **Cecil Staton** of the 18<sup>th</sup> then took the rostrum to introduce the *Doctor of the Day*, Dr. **Michael E. Greene** of Macon.

Sen. **David Adelman** of the 42<sup>nd</sup> took the well to speak against SB 386. He yielded to questions from Sens. **Smith**, **Emanuel Jones** of the 10<sup>th</sup>, **Brown**, **Seth Harp** of the 29<sup>th</sup> and **George Hooks** of the 14<sup>th</sup>.

Sen. **Regina Thomas** of the 2<sup>nd</sup> took the well to speak against SB 386.

President Pro Tempore **Eric Johnson** of the 1<sup>st</sup> moved the previous question.

Sen. **Adelman** made a parliamentary inquiry as to whether or not the Senators of the 46<sup>th</sup> and 49<sup>th</sup> districts had spoken to SB 386. Lt Gov. **Taylor** replied that they had not.

SB 386 passed by a vote of 34-18.

Majority Leader **Tommie Williams** of the 19<sup>th</sup> moved the Senate stand at ease until 2:00 p.m.

Sen. **Steve Thompson** of the 33<sup>rd</sup> moved the Senate stand adjourned.

The motion to adjourn failed by a vote of 16-35.

The Senate recessed for lunch and returned at 2:00 p.m.

Sen. **John Wiles** of the 37<sup>th</sup> moved that the Senate adopt the Conference Committee Report on SB 203. Sen. **Wiles** took the well to speak to SB 203, which concerns Indigent Defense Services. He yielded to questions from Sen. **Thomas** of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The Conference Committee Report on SB 203 was adopted by a vote of 44-0.

Following the announcements, Majority Leader **Williams** moved to stand adjourned until 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 13.

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